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1. POST REQUESTS EXTENSION OF SUBMISSION DATE OF SUBJECT ASSESSMENT FROM MARCH 31 TO MAY 15. IN RESPONSE TO WIDESPREAD DEMONSTRATIONS AND DISORDERS GOSL HAS SCHEDULED PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS FOR LATE APRIL, PERHAPS AS LATE AS APRIL 29. CONCOMITANT WITH ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN IS NATIONAL DEBATE ON ADOPTING NEW POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS FOR SIERRA LEONE SINCE BOTH MODERN AND TRADITIONAL SECTORS OF COUNTRY HAVE EXPRESSED DISSATISFACTION WITH PRESENT POLITICAL ARRANGEMENTS.

2. NEITHER POST NOR, FOR PRACTICAL PURPOSES, GOSL NOW IS IN POSITION TO ASSESS FUTURE FORM OF GOVERNMENT, THE LIKELY OUTLOOK OF NEW GOVERNMENT, NOR ITS EFFECT ON US OBJECTIVES AND INTERESTS. NOR DO WE BELIEVE WE WILL BE IN SUCH POSITION UNTIL WE HAVE HAD OPPORTUNITY TO EXAMINE WHO HAS BEEN ELECTED AND HOW. POST RECOGNIZES THAT REQUEST FOR EXTENSION MAY MAKE MORE DIFFICULT ORDERLY REVIEW OF PARM, BUT IT FEARS SUBMISSION IN ADVANCE OF KNOWN ELECTION RESULTS WILL BE CONJECTURAL AND PERHAPS EVEN MEANINGLESS OVER LONGER TERM. SAMUELS

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